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SUBJ/EXTENSION OF TRANSITION BENEFITS THROUGH SEPT 2001//

REF/A/PUBLIC LAW 105-261/SECTION 561/YMD:981017//

REF/B/NAVMC 2916/PRESEPARATION GUIDE/YMD:970901//

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RMKS/1. PUBLIC LAW 101-510, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR 1990, ESTABLISHED TRANSITION ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TAMP) SERVICES AND BENEFITS. SERVICES ARE PERMANENT AND THE BENEFITS HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE. REF (A) EXTENDS ALL TAMP BENEFITS UNTIL 30 SEPT 2001. THIS MARADMIN IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

2. THE FOLLOWING MARINES ARE ENTITLED TO TRANSITION BENEFITS:

A. ALL RETIREES (INCLUDES: VOLUNTARY, MANADATORY, AND TEMPORARY EARLY RETIREMENT AUTHORITY)

B. MARINES TAKING VOLUNTARY SEPARATING INCENTIVE (VSI)

C. MARINES TAKING SPECIAL SEPARATION BENEFIT (SSB)

D. MARINES SEPARATED UNDER CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION (DEFINED BELOW) ARE ENTITLED TO TRANSITION SERVICES AND THE TRANSITION BENEFITS DETAILED IN PAR (3) BELOW. SPECIFIC SEPARATION PROGRAM DESIGNATOR (SPD) CODES INDICATE ELIGIBILITY. THE MARINE MUST HAVE BEEN ON ACTIVE DUTY OR FULL-TIME NATIONAL GUARD DUTY ON 30 SEP 90, OR ON OR AFTER 30 NOV 93, AND HAS BEEN SEPARATED UNDER OTHER THAN ADVERSE CONDITIONS. UNDER OTHER THAN ADVERSE CONDITIONS IS DEFINED AS SERVICE CHARACTERIZED AS HONORABLE OR GENERAL UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS.

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE ONLY, SEPARATEES IN PARAGRAPHS 2A-D WILL BE REFERRED TO AS GROUP (A) WHEN A BENEFIT APPLIES TO ALL GROUPS.

3. TRANSITION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS ARE BRIEFLY LISTED BELOW:

ADDITIONAL DETAILS RELATING TO THE BENEFITS ARE OUTLINED IN REF (B).

A. THERE IS NO EXPIRATION DATE FOR PERMISSIVE TAD (PTAD) UNDER SECTION 1148, TITLE 10 US CODE. "GROUP A" PERSONNEL MAY BE PERMITTED TO TAKE 20 DAYS PTAD FOR JOB HUNTING, HOUSE HUNTING, OR OTHER RELOCATION ACTIVITIES. OVERSEAS PERSONNEL ARE AUTHORIZED 30 DAYS PTAD. THE ABOVE SHALL BE GRANTED BY THE COMMANDER ONLY IF SUCH LEAVE DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE MILITARY MISSION.

B. PRIORITY IN AFFILIATING WITH THE SMCR. SSB, VSI, AND QUALIFIED INVOLUNTARILY SEPARATED MARINES WHO ARE FULLY QUALIFIED IN ALL RESPECTS, AND APPLY FOR ENLISTMENT/AFFILIATION WITH THE SMCR WITHIN 1 YEAR OF INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE OVER OTHER EQUALLY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR EXISTING OR PROJECTED VACANCIES WITHIN THE UNIT TO WHICH THE MARINE APPLIES. RETIREES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RESERVE DUTY.

C. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES.

(1) ONE UNRESTRICTED CONUS CHOICE OF DESTINATION FOR MOVE AND SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS (HHG) WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER SEPARATION.

(2) UP TO 1 YEAR OF NON-TEMPORARY STORAGE OF HHG AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

(3) AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL ALLOWANCES TO A HOME OF SELECTION FOR THE MARINE, HIS/HER DEPENDENTS, AND SHIPMENT AND STORAGE OF HHG.

(4) AIR TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY. "GROUP A" MAY BE PERMITTED SPACE AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION WITHIN 180 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY WHILE TRAVELING ON PTAD ORDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING DOD APPROVED TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM SEMINAR AND HOUSE HUNTING COMMAND SPONSORED DEPENDENTS RESIDING OVERSEAS ARE AUTHORIZED SPACE AVAILABLE TRAVEL WITHOUT THEIR SPONSOR BETWEEN OVERSEAS PORT AND A PORT OF ENTRY IN THE U.S. FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOB/HOUSE SEARCH; OR THEY MAY ACCOMPANY THE SPONSOR ON HIS/HER TRANSITION PTAD. DEPENDENT SPACE AVAILABLE TRAVEL WITHIN CONUS FOR TRANSITION PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED.

D. EXTENSION IN DOD DEPENDENT SCHOOL (DODDS) SYSTEM. AUTHORIZED FOR VSI, SSB, TERA, AND MEDICALLY RETIRED SEPARATEES. CONTINUED ENROLLMENT IN A DODDS OVERSEAS SCHOOL SHALL BE ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS PROVIDING THE STUDENT COMPLETED THE 11TH GRADE PRIOR TO THE SERVICE MEMBER'S SEPARATION AND SUBJECT TO THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT WITH THE HOST COUNTRY.

E. MONTGOMERY GI BILL (MGIB) AND VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEAP). SSB, VSI, AND INVOLUNTARY SEPARATEES WHO ARE PENDING INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION AND PREVIOUSLY ELECTED NOT TO ENROLL IN THE MGIB, OR WHO FALL UNDER VEAP, OR WHO DO NOT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CONVERSION FROM THE VIETNAM ERA GI BILL, OR THOSE PREVIOUSLY EXCLUDED ACADEMY OR ROTC GRADUATES, SHALL BE GRANTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL OR CONVERT TO MGIB. RETIREES CAN USE, BUT NOT ENROLL/CONVERT TO MGIB. MANDATORY RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT BASED ON THEIR SPD CODE.

F. TRANSITION MEDICAL/DENTAL CARE. MEMBERS SEPARATED INVOLUNTARILY, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, SHALL RECEIVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE IN DOD FACILITIES OR THROUGH THE TRICARE SYSTEM IN THE SAME PRIORITY AS DEPENDENTS OF MARINES ON ACTIVE DUTY. THIS DOD-SPONSORED HEALTH CARE SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS AFTER SEPARATION DATE IF THE SPONSOR SERVED 6 YEARS OR MORE ON ACTIVE DUTY, AND 60 DAYS IF THE SPONSOR WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY FEWER THAN 6 YEARS. THE FAMILY MEMBER DENTAL PLAN TERMINATES AT EAS. IF THE MARINE SEPARATES VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT SSB OR VSI, THE MARINE AND FAMILY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO USE MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES OR THE TRICARE HEALTH CARE PLAN. RETIRED MARINES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TRICARE PRIME, EXTRA, AND STANDARD. TRICARE HAS NOT BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED IN ALL AREAS. RETIREES SHOULD CONTACT THEIR HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR TO CHECK AVAILABILITY OF COVERAGE FOR THE AREA IN WHICH THEY INTEND TO LOCATE.

G. EXTENSION OF COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES. PERSONNEL INVOLUNTARILY SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE DUTY SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE SERVICE PRIVILEGES, NOT TO EXCEED 2 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF SEPARATION, ON THE SAME BASIS AS ACTIVE DUTY MARINES.

H. EXTENSION IN MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING. SPACE PERMITTING, AS DETERMINED BY THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER. IF A MARINE IS ELIGIBLE FOR INVOLUNTARY, SSB, OR VSI SEPARATION OR IS ON A SELECTED EARLY RETIREMENT BOARD, A MILITARY HOUSING EXTENSION MAY BE GRANTED AT A RENTAL RATE EQUAL TO YOUR BAH RATE FOR UP TO 180 DAYS FOLLOWING SEPARATION.

I. EMPLOYMENT FOR NONAPPROPRIATED FUND (NAF) POSITIONS.

(1) A MARINE MAY RECEIVE A PREFERENCE IN HIRING ONLY ONCE. TRANSITION HIRING PREFERENCE IS TERMINATED UPON PLACEMENT IN OR DECLINATION OF (WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST) A NAF POSITION FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE.

(2) A MARINE SHALL BE REFERRED FOR SELECTION ONLY IF HE OR SHE IS AMONG THE BEST QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AFTER A COMPETITIVE SCREENING PROCESS IS COMPLETED.

J. IDENTIFICATION CARDS. SSB, VSI, AND INVOLUNTARILY SEPARATED MARINES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WILL BE ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS (DD FORM 2659) THAT WILL ALLOW ACCESS TO ELIGIBLE FACILITIES FOR TWO YEARS AFTER THEIR SEPARATION DATE. THE CARDS WILL BE MARKED WITH THE DATES THE MARINE IS ELIGIBLE FOR COMMISSARY, EXCHANGE, AND OTHER BENEFITS SUCH AS SHORT TERM TRANSITIONAL HEALTH CARE.

RETIREES RECEIVE ID CARDS WITH FULL ACCESS TO ALL BASE FACILITIES.

K. SEPARATION PAY. ONLY SSB AND VSI SEPARATEES RECEIVE SEPARATION PAY. RETIREES ONLY RECEIVE RETIREMENT PAY.

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4. SPD CODES. THE FOLLOWING SPD CODES INDICATE IF A SERVICEMEMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH (3). THESE CODES BECAME EFFECTIVE 1 APR 95 FOR ALL FOUR SERVICES.

A. THE FOLLOWING CODES ARE SPECIFIC TO THE USMC:

BCR, BDG, BDK, BFV, BFX, BHF, BRB, GCR, GDG, GDK, GFC, GFT, GFV, GFX
GGH, GHF, GRB, HCR, HDG, HDK, HFC, HFT, HFV, HFX, HHF, HRB, JBB, JBK
JBM, JDG, JDK, JFC, JFF, JFG, JFL, JFM, JFN, JFQ, JFR, JFT, JFV, JFW
JFX, JGB, JGH, JHF, LBK, LBM, LCR, LDG, LFG, LGJ, RBB, RBC, RBD, SBC
SFJ, SFK, VBK

B. THE FOLLOWING CODES ARE ALSO VALID DOD CODES, HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT TYPICALLY USED BY THE MARINE CORPS:

BFT, FCA, FCB, GFT, HGH, JBC, JCC, JCP, JCR, JDF, JFH, JND, KCA, KCB
LBB, LBC, LBD, LCC, LFC, LFF, LFH, LFT, LFW, LFX, LGB, LGC, LND, MCA
MCB

5. ACTION:

A. COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT:

(1) THE APPROPRIATE SPD CODE IS ASSIGNED UPON SEPARATION.

(2) MARINES ARE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND APPROPRIATE TRANSITION PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE FSC WITHIN THE 180 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION.

TRANSITION COUNSELING WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE COMMAND'S CHECK-OUT SHEET.

(3) A COPY OF MEDICAL RECORDS FOR THOSE MEDICALLY SEPARATED ARE SENT (WITH MARINES'S CONSENT) WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY TO THE REGIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE NEAREST THE MARINE'S INTENDED RELOCATION DESTINATION.

(4) THE UNIT TRANSITION COUNSELOR WILL PROVIDE COUNSELING ON THE PRESEPARATION CHECKLIST, DD2648, AND ONCE COMPLETED, WILL PLACED IT IN THE MARINE'S SERVICE RECORD FOR PERMANENT RETENTION.

(5) ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE REFERENCE ARE MET.

6. HQMC POC FOR TRANSITION BENEFITS IS MS. ANTIGONE DOUCETTE, MRM, DSN 278-9523 OR COMM 703-784-9523.//

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